



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Huismann et al.  
Serial No. : 10/728629  
Filing Date : December 5, 2003  
For : Method and Apparatus For Feeding Wire to  
a Welding Arc  
Group Art Unit : 3742  
Attorney Docket No. : ITW 14417.70

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an original sheet which is being deleted.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets 1-6 is attached following page 3 of this paper.